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Citizens question funding for senior center

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Funding for the new senior center has come under question by some members of the Romulus community, according to Tim Keyes, city economic development director.

"It is a shame that politics are driving this issue right now," said Keyes. "This senior center is very important to many people in this city."

Just weeks ago, Romulus City Council members approved the issuance of \$3.5 million in bonds to pay for a new senior center to be located directly behind the current building on Bibbins Road.

The project includes the construction of a 14,100 square foot senior center, including administrative offices, kitchen, library, family room, conference/club room, billiards/game room, multi purpose rooms and a meeting room. The current senior center will be demolished after the new center is completed. The cost of the project will be about \$3.1 million, according to Keyes.

The funds for the senior center project are coming from two areas, which have both been approved by our

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Tim Keyes

city council," he said. "The first being the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund for \$2.1 million and then \$1 million is coming from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). So, this project is properly financed."

However, some in the community do not agree with that assertion.

Some citizens are circulating a petition to put the project to a vote. Their concern, according to the petition, is that if the DDA revenue won't be enough to pay for the bonds, the funds would come from the city general fund or the taxpayers. Keyes said this is just not true.

"First of all, the majority of this money is coming from

CDBG funds, which comes from the Housing and Urban Development." "This money will be there and approved for the purpose of building."

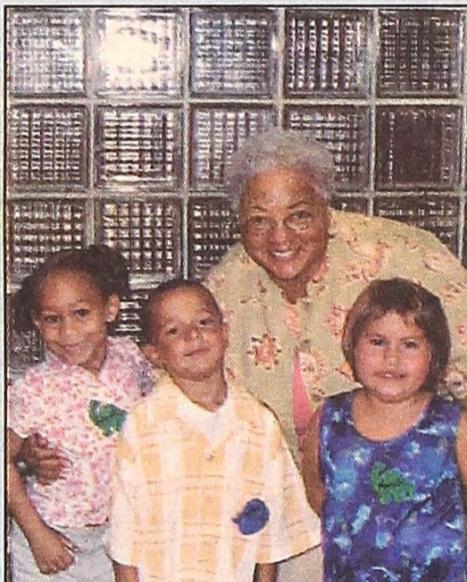
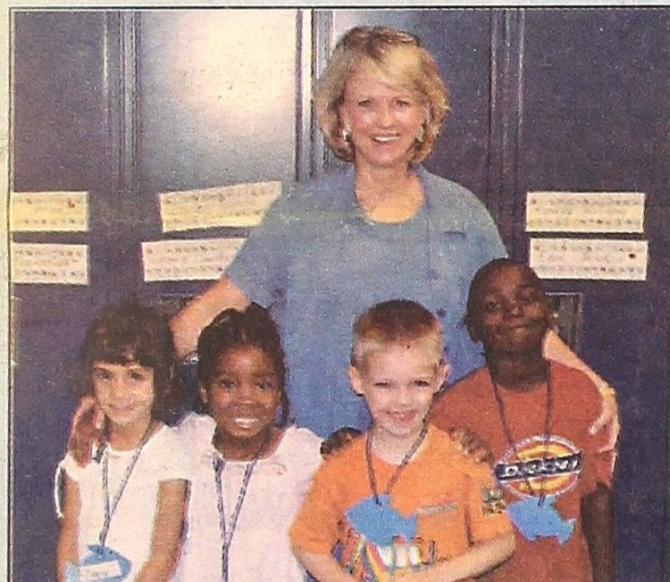
Keyes said that if for some unforeseen reason the funds were not available from the CDBG fund, then there is enough money in the DDA to cover the cost of the new senior center.

"It isn't something we need to worry about, but if for some reason it did happen, the money would come out of the DDA, not out of the general fund," he said. "The people will not be paying for this building."

Each year Romulus receives a sum of grant money from the CDBG fund. With this money, the city funds small city projects such as purchasing three new emergency vehicles or moving and restoring the Kingsley House.

"We thought it made better sense to instead of doing two or three small projects a year, to do one big project with the funds we have coming to us over the next 10

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School days

As the school year began last Wednesday, some new students walked the school halls for the first time. Romulus Elementary School principal Lynne Mossioah, above left, welcomed some of the new kindergartners (left) Jade Velez, Cheyenne Harris, Jacob Davis and Roderick Gillison. Over at Cory Elementary School, principal Phyllis Adkins also welcomed new kindergartners, Gabrielle Dancy, Damon Davis and Mariah Lawson.

Parade of Lights to shine downtown

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

If there is one thing that residents have to see during the Pumpkin Festival, it is the annual Parade of Lights, according to 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley.

"It is an absolute riot to see this parade," said Oakley. "If people have never seen a night time parade, they have to come out this year to see the Parade of Lights in Romulus."

In its sixth year, the parade has become a large part of the annual Pumpkin Festival, but that is not where the idea came from, according to Oakley.

"We had actually been invited to a night time Christmas parade down in Ida with a bunch of people,"

people, some of whom had ties to the City of Romulus," said Oakley. "After the parade everyone in the group thought it was such a great idea and I opened my mouth and said that we should do something like that during the Romulus Pumpkin Festival and so we did."

Each year the parade keeps getting bigger and bigger and this year will be no exception, said Oakley. The Romulus Rotary Club, which sponsors and organizes the event, is expecting to have more than 70 entries this year.

"We go up about five to 10 entries each year," said Oakley. "So people are really beginning to look forward to this event, because anyone can participate."

Oakley said that they have seen everything in the parade from

cars to golf carts and horses to dogs, the one stipulation is that all entries must have working lights.

Each entry must be decorated with working lights, it doesn't matter what kind of light, just as long as they work.

"A lot of people go all out for this parade," said Oakley. "We have had entries with more than 30,000 lights on them. People love it because it is so unusual."

There is no fee to participate in the parade and there are entry applications available at www.romulusrotary.org. Oakley said the Romulus Rotary Club is asking that people register before the event, but that entries will not be turned away the night of the parade.

The parade will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17 at Romulus

Runway closure may cause noise on Eureka Road

Residents living along Eureka Road may begin to notice some difference in the air traffic patterns being utilized by Detroit Metropolitan Airport this fall.

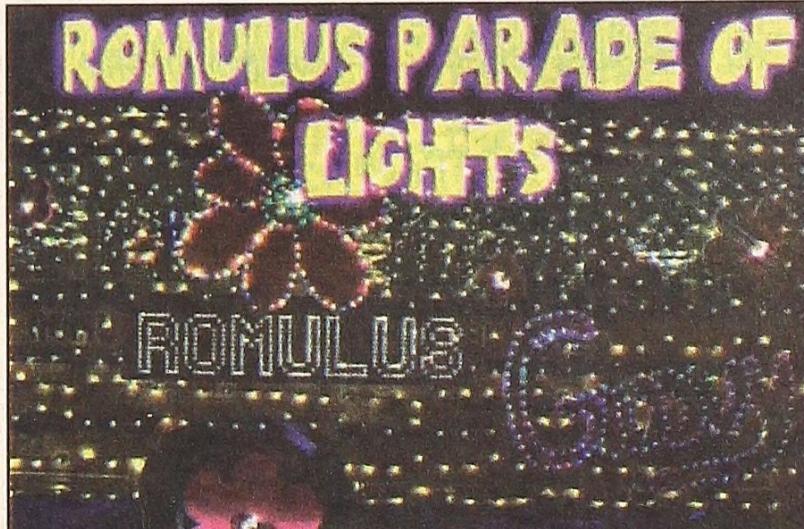
Beginning this week, the Wayne County Airport Authority will begin construction projects that will require consecutive closures of two parallel runways at the airport, opening up the runway 27L, which runs parallel with Eureka Road.

According to Michael Conway, director of public affairs and environment at DTW, weather conditions necessitate the use of this particular runway only 5 percent of the time, but when the runway is being used people in the surrounding communities begin to

wonder why.

The projects, which are expected to run through Thanksgiving, are on two ends of two parallel runways. The project involves the grading of soil and construction of blast pads to prevent jet blasts from creating uneven conditions on the soil ends of the runways. The grading and asphalt blast pads will help make conditions safer in the event of an aircraft undershoot or overshoot of a runway.

Airport maintenance will also be performing routine electrical and pavement maintenance during the project and officials said they hope to have the projects completed earlier than November if the weather cooperates.



The 6th annual Romulus Parade of Lights is expected to have more than 70 entries and will be watched by thousands standing along Goddard Road.

City Hall. The parade route will go straight up Goddard Road, through the downtown area, then end at the Five Points intersection at the Progressive Hall,

where hot dogs and chips will be available.

For more information call the Romulus Rotary Club at (734) 941-5245.

Schools seek alternative funding during budget crunch

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Cut it out

That's the general consensus of area school district officials when they talk about the cuts in state funding for public schools. But the state just keeps cutting, and 'cut it out' may be the mantra for local school boards as they try to balance frozen foundation allowances with increasing costs.

For the last few years, school districts across Michigan have been hit hard by executive cuts.

Many districts have had to dip into their general funds to help cover costs and make cuts in their administration or faculty as well as art, music and sport programs to make ends meet. If cuts continue, parents and students might begin to see teacher layoffs, which could result in larger class sizes. Cuts in educational programs could also be a result if state funding cuts continue.

The state-level funding cuts have caused problems for the Northville School District for years, according to Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of the Northville Public School District. To make up for the lost funding, the district has drastically cut back the amount of money available for items such as textbooks and

library books. The district has also reinstated the pay-to-participate program for high school and middle school level sports. Rezmierski said that the program helps offset some of the costs associated with maintaining an athletic program.

In addition to these basic cuts, the district is also searching for other ways of providing the service they want with the money they still have. The district now participates in a group purchase of oil and gas to keep down the cost of these utilities.

The district also approached the voters in June to seek support for a bond issue that would help fund capital improvement projects within the district. The bond, which was approved by residents, was for .8 mill. That is, a person with property taxes of \$100,000 will pay \$80 extra each year. The bond will be used to fund everything from additions and building repairs to new buses and technology. The money generated has helped relieve some of the district budget pressure.

"We could cut some things out of the operating budget because we could transfer it into the bond," said Rezmierski. He added that by moving necessary repairs, such as new roofs, out of the general budget, the district had a painless way to save money.

Cuts such as these were in evidence at the Aug. 10 meeting of the Northville Board of Education,

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Leonard Rezmierski

which approved an additional \$500,000 in reductions to balance the budget.

"We cut out over \$500,000 so we could get school started," said Rezmierski. "We can't take another hit."

The district will turn to the voters again for help on Sept. 28. Because of the mandatory Headlee override, the city millage level dropped about half of a mill below the 18 mills required to receive the full amount of state aid. The district will ask the voters for a small tax increase that will restore the 18 mills and qualify the district for adequate state aid. Without this increase, the district would lose more than \$300,000 in state aid, or about an additional \$50 per student. If voters approve the millage, the city will get all of the money for a fairly low cost—for the owner of a \$5 million dollar property, taxes would go up by \$100.

"I don't want to do this, but we

have to," said Rezmierski. "If not, we're forfeiting this state money."

Van Buren Public Schools has also felt the sting from the cuts, according to Paul Henning, communications specialist for Van Buren Township. The most visible, he said, is the teacher layoffs this year.

The district also cut back in other areas including the advertising budget, reduction of office supplies for the teachers by 10 percent and another large cut—the para-professionals that help in the classrooms, he said.

"We've been lucky up until now because we have not needed to cut the curriculum programs," he said. "But if the state continues to make cuts again for this year, then the actual curriculum will be cut."

Meanwhile, some districts are

trying on a new shoe—alternative funding.

The Plymouth-Canton Community School District has lost more than \$1.8 million due to the cuts, freezes, and the mid-year state reductions as well as increasing healthcare costs in the past 2 years, according to Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for the Plymouth-Canton School District. In addition, the district has also had to accommodate the rising retirement rate.

The state-mandated increase soared to 14.87 percent from 12.99. According to previous reports by Patricia Brand, executive director of business services for Plymouth-Canton, the district originally budgeted for an increase to only 14 percent. The difference, from 14 to 14.87 percent is more than \$760,000, she said. She said the rate could inch close to the 17 percent mark by the 2006-07 school year.

After a year of research and talks, Plymouth-Canton school officials have recently hired a

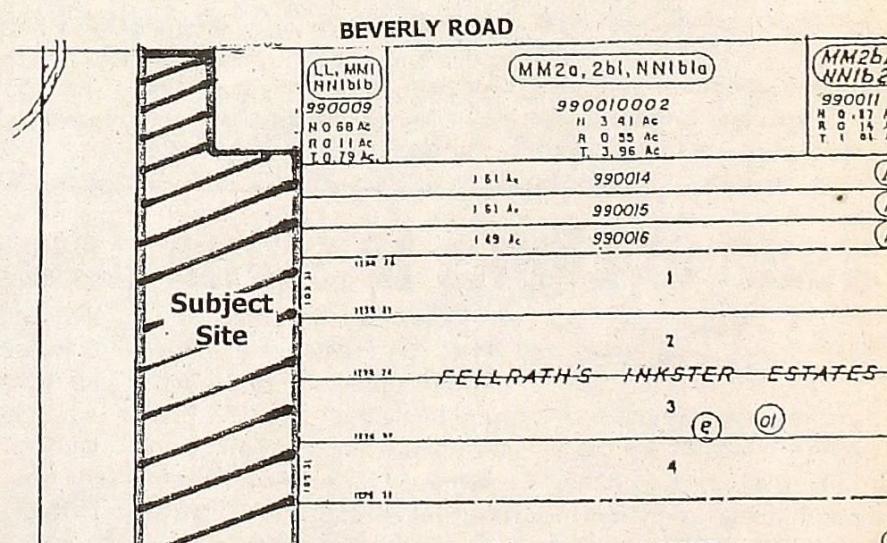
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CITY OF ROMULUS COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE ROMULUS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 27th day of September, 2004, at 6:00 o'clock, p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving an Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Romulus Downtown Development Authority pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended.

The boundaries of the development area to which the amended Plan applies are as follows:



Copies of the proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan, maps, etc. are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Romulus Downtown Development Authority.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the Economic Development Director of the City of Romulus..

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

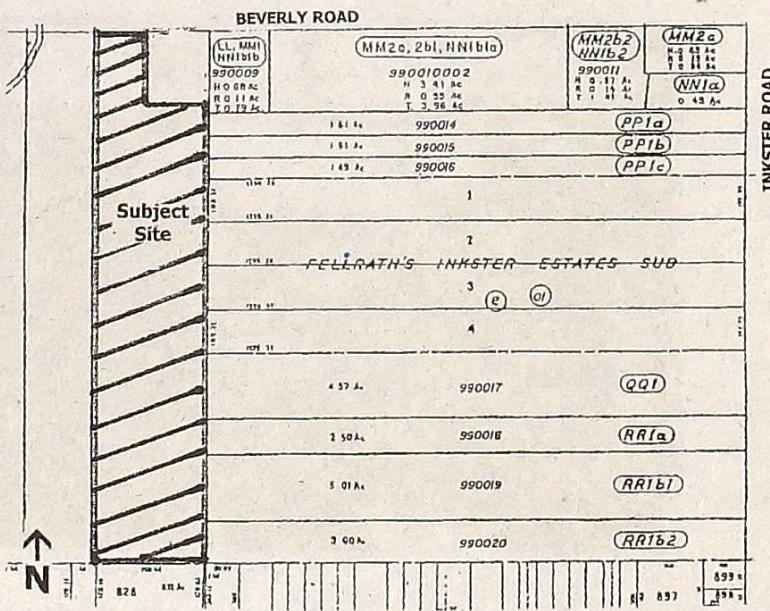
Linda Choate
Clerk, City of Romulus

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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE RAM INDUSTRIES

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2004, for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use proposal. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to establish a truck repair facility for fleet trucks and dumpsters on a parcel of land located at 28035 Beverly Road, parcel# 82-80-004-99-0007-000. The parcel is zoned MT-2, Industrial Transportation 2 District. This type of facility is permitted in the MT-2, Industrial Transportation 2 District, subject to Special Land Use Approval. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, September 20, 2004, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Josh Wizinsky has enjoyed working at the Wayne Historical Museum, cleaning up and arranging exhibits like this antique shoe repair kit.

Youngster finds niche among old things

Scott Spielman
Editor

The most prized piece of art in 12-year-old Josh Wizinsky's bedroom is not a striking figure of a super hero, swinging or flying through a huge city.

It's an original picture of a one-room schoolhouse in Garden City that depicts the students of the time. It might be an odd piece of art for a 12-year-old to display so prominently, but it goes with the other works he likes – including a brass plate from Egypt emblazoned with the likeness of King Tut.

But Wizinsky, of Dearborn Heights, said those kinds of things are more his style.

Sprouting a fedora like his hero, Indiana Jones, Wizinsky has made quite a name for himself at the Wayne Historical Museum, where he spends Monday afternoons polishing antiques, arranging displays and even giving tours.

"They fascinate me," he said of the antiques. "I like to find out who used them way back when. I like the stories behind the antiques."

Wizinsky attends the Berger School in Garden City, which is dedicated to children with autism. Whether or not he has the disability is a matter of contention, however.

His mother, Celeste Wizinsky, said that he's been diagnosed with it and other issues like Attention Deficit Disorder since he was in the first grade.

"I just think he's a genius and they don't want to admit it," she said.

Wizinsky has certainly found a home at the museum, according to Valerie Latzman, who volunteers there. Her mother, Virginia Presson, is the director. She said she is impressed with the energetic youngster.

"He's really thoughtful and careful," Latzman said. "The amazing thing is how fast and efficient he is."

Celeste Wizinsky said her son has long had a fascination with old objects. It first mani-

fested itself through her own collection of antique Mason jars. He wanted to know all about them, the people that would have used them and what they used them for.

"Thank God for the Internet," Celeste Wizinsky said. "We now know more about canning that we'll ever need to."

The Wizinskys came to the museum during the summer, when Celeste Wizinsky said she was looking for something to occupy her son. They are frequent visitors to Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum, but she said she wanted to go some place different. A former Wayne resident, she decided on the museum that she had frequented when she was younger, but hadn't recently visited.

"You should have seen his face when we first came here," Wizinsky said. "Now every Monday I wake up to him asking me at 8 a.m.: 'Is it open yet?'

His enthusiasm quickly caused Latzman to ask Josh if he wanted to help out at the museum. It followed a philosophy that both she and her mother had long fostered at the museum – that they could be active parts of the community.

Soon Josh found himself with several tasks, cleaning up items that had been donated to the museum. He's brought out the luster in an old cash register from a now-defunct day camp, polished up an old shoe-repair kit, worked on an antique wicker wheelchair

donated from Eloise, even cleaned up an old three-wheeled scooter.

"It was so rusty that you couldn't even tell it was red," Josh said. "It just wanted to shine, so I did it."

All the while he has soaked up information about the artifacts. He's given tours of the museum, acting as a docent for friends and family. Latzman said they'll also allow him to give a tour to his classmates.

"It's amazing how quickly he learns the key fact of everything," she said. "He remembers the details about everything."

His work at the museum hasn't just been with cleaning up new donations, either. He and his mother frequent antique shops around the area and have purchased things and donated them to the Wayne Historical Museum. Most recently he found an antique shop in Northville that was going to throw away an old can of artists' makeup from the Marquis Theater. Josh used his \$5 allowance to buy it instead, and can now tell you what it was used for, and when.

Josh said he always looks forward to his trips to the museum, and helping out wherever he can. Latzman said she always looks forward to his visits, too, and hopes that more people can get additional use of the museum.

"It's not just a storage place for old items," she said. "People should come down and use these resources. They're here for the community."



The old cash register restored by Josh Wizinsky still works.

New discipline program makes students responsible

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Students at Romulus Middle School and Romulus Senior High School may be in for a bit of a shock this school year.

Both schools have implemented a new discipline policy called the Responsibility System this fall.

"The focus of this program will be on the minor classroom infractions students might make such as talking, not being on task and/or disturbing others," said Dan Hurst, Romulus High School principal. "The goal of the system is to make them (students) responsible for their actions and to make them take ownership of their actions."

Under the new system, a student who misbehaves in the classroom will initially be given the opportunity to correct that behavior. If this does not occur, the students will be asked to reflect and develop a behavioral plan that corrects whatever the inappropriate behavior may be.

If no acceptable plan is created or if a student does not follow their plan, the students will be removed from the classroom and report to the student planning room. The student will be absent from class until a behavioral plan that is acceptable to the classroom teacher is developed.

A staff member, who has been trained to facilitate this process, will be available to assist the student while they write out their specific plan.

Further inappropriate behavior will result in suspension from school. Home planning will then require the parents or guardian and the student to complete an acceptable behavioral plan.

Parents with any questions on the new discipline policy can call (734)532-1000.

Student to participate in national pageant

Sarah Ashley Berger isn't starting off her school year like most students in Romulus. The sophomore at Romulus High School was selected to participate in the 2004 Miss Junior Teen Detroit pageant competition this Sunday.

Berger will be competing for a share of more than \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and specialty gifts and if she wins she would represent the City of Detroit and

the surrounding communities at the City of America National Competition in Orlando, FL.

Berger was required to obtain sponsors from the community to help pay for her participation in the pageant. Her sponsors included Continental Plastics, Eastside Building Materials Co., Creative Building Solutions, Phil and Carol Lozier, Nick Maxwell, Scott Spielman and members of her family.

Romulus residents money.

"It is a shame that the citizens would have to bear the brunt of this ballot proposal, because people are telling half truths in this city," said Keyes. "The referendum itself would cost the city \$12,000 to \$15,000, but the new senior center wouldn't cost them a penny. That is just wrong and unnecessary."

In order for this issue to make it on the ballot, 10 percent of the registered voters in Romulus would need to sign the petition.

Those organizing the petition drive could not be reached for comment.

Center

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years," said Keyes. "So, then our taxpayers are in no way paying for this new senior center."

The city has received letters of support from both Wayne County and HUD ensuring that the funds will be made available under the CBDG to help build this senior center.

Keyes said he is upset about this petition for a referendum, because it will actually cost

Schools - Districts need new sources of funding during state cuts

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Chief Development Officer (CDO) to help raise money through donations from individuals, alumni, foundation grants and corporate partnership grants, according to Carol Saunders, current board member and former treasurer of the school board.

"We have to be as creative as we can be," she said. "This is something that private schools have been doing for years and they're really good at it."

"We really thought that this was a chance to bring in additional money," she added. "We didn't want to cut some of the wonderful programs we have."

Other districts, such as Northville, rely on the support provided by civic organizations, like the Northville Mothers' Club, which donates about \$30,000 for projects throughout the district. Pay-to-play and booster activity also helps generate some necessary funds. Rezmierski singled out the various Parent Teacher Associations and Parent Teacher

Student Associations for credit in providing the money needed for enrichment activities to replace the field trips cancelled due to a lack of funding.

"It's made a huge positive impact in the past year," said Rezmierski. "We've had some of the most top drawer individuals—poets, writers, musicians—come to the district... and they funded it."

To help the district weather future problems, Rezmierski said that 4 years ago, the Board of Education authorized the creation of a registered non-profit educational foundation. The goal of the foundation is to raise \$1 million, which would allow the school to fund programs, activities, and other projects throughout the district by using just the interest generated.

Although some districts have been investigating the need for alternative funding, others feel that hiring someone to raise funds for the district is a waste of money that can be used for educational needs.

Inkster-Edison Schools, a district operated by the state, lost about \$173,000 as a result of budget reductions, according to Howard Morris, the state-appointed district financial manager.

Morris said that hiring someone to find ways to raise money can be an oxymoron for the districts most in need of additional funding. In Inkster, the district is emerging from a dire financial condition that ensured the installation of a manager in 2002. There aren't enough resources to hire a permanent fundraiser or development director, he said.

"I would ask the question, 'Who's going to do it,'" Morris said. "We just can't afford to have someone do that, though we are seeking grants at this time. But right now, we need to spend the money we would spend on a person to (fundraise) on education for the students. If we keep doing that, we'll be OK. If districts keep the focus on education, then enrollment will remain stable and they'll get students."

The fundraising position in

Canton will hopefully be self-funded through the money raised, Saunders said.

Right now, the Inkster-Edison district is provided about \$7,000 per student by the state, Morris said. If funding is cut next year, it won't make any difference, however, because Rep. Jim Plakas (D-Garden City) had a provision added to Public Act 72 that protects districts run by the state from foundation grant cuts.

On the other hand, Rezmierski said that if the cuts continue in Northville, the effects might hit some of the areas the district has tried to protect. If it became necessary, these cuts could include

staff layoffs, programming cuts, or increased class size. However, he emphasized that these sorts of cuts would be used as a last resort only and that the district will continue to try and find solutions that will not have as much impact in the classroom.

Meanwhile, he said that the district will do whatever it can prevent negatively impacting the students.

"We're exploring where we can qualify for grants," he said. "We have fought tenaciously to not go there," he said.

Still, Rezmierski has kept his sense of humor.

"I hope we don't have to rely on

Women's club seeks reality store clerks

The Belleville Business and Professional Women's Club will host the Reality Store in an effort to help eighth grade students learn the basic skills in financial planning, decision-making and career planning.

The store will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 13 at North Middle School in Belleville. Students assume the roles of a 25-year-old employed in a career they

have chosen. They are also assigned a marital status and the number of dependents they have. Students then move from station to station to pay for food, clothing and insurance. In addition, students receive a 'reality check' when they select a slip providing one of life's little surprises including a small check or a large dental bill.

The women's club is looking for

volunteers to help the students as they move through out the stations.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact one of the committee co-chairs — Gwenyth Ashe at 734-699-6970, or Char Nichols at 734-699-3409.

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CITY OF ROMULUS

Request for Proposals

RFP 04/05-08

Construction Management Services for the Proposed Senior Center Construction

Pursuant to Federal Guidelines, the City of Romulus is requesting sealed Proposals for Construction Management (CM) Services for:

the construction of a new Senior Center. The Project includes site preparation, site utilities and storm water retention, landscaping and the construction of a 15,400 square foot Senior Center, including administrative office, kitchen, library, family room, conference/club room, billiards/game room, multi-purpose rooms, meeting/tile room and general storage. The Project also includes phased demolition of the current senior/recreation center and two (2) maintenance/storage building, after completion of the new Senior Center.

The City's fixed limit of construction cost is two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000) payable through CDBG and DDA funding. Such amount excludes soft costs.

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, all interested parties must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, July 2, 1964 (Title 40 USC 276A), the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, September 28, 1965 No. 11246, all United States Department of Labor Regulations and Standards Title 29, 1, 3, 5, and Title 18, USC, Section 874, known as "Anti-Kickback Act"; Clean Air/Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

Contractors must guarantee that not less than minimum salaries and wages as set forth in State Wage Decision # MI030081, Mod. 0 (06-13-2003), in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project and that the Contractors must also ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, in accordance with Executive Order 11246 Equal Employment Opportunity and Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity.

Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of receiving them.

Sealed proposals must be received by the Romulus City Clerk, no later than 2:00 pm on Thursday the 30th of September, 2004 and clearly marked:

Romulus Senior Center construction - CDBG Contract# 04-24-03A. RFP #0405-08

The City of Romulus reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive any irregularities to the bids and contract, in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the city.

The Senior Center design package is available for your reference in the Economic Development Department of the Municipal Building, 11111 Wayne Road

If you have any questions, please call Maria Lambert, DDA Director/CDBG Coordinator, at (734) 955-4533.

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Linda R. Choate
City Clerk

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Area students help fund Afghanistan school

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

While Northville students are settling into their classes, on the other side of the world more than 1,000 students are wrapping up a school year made possible by Amerman Elementary School teacher Khris Nedam.

In 1998, Nedam, who has taught in France, Turkey, and Afghanistan as well as the United States, asked one of her contacts from Afghanistan to speak to her students at Meads Mill Middle School about what life is like for students their age in the war-torn country. When he had finished, Nedam said, her students began to consider ways they could help.

"They decided they wanted to do something...and they decided that the best thing they could do was provide an education," said Nedam. "They didn't want to do something that would be a Band-Aid, a one-time fix."

The group selected a village about an hour and a half southwest of Kabul as the site of their school. The village elders agreed to donate the land, Nedam said, because the area had not had a school since the Soviet invasion.

The project was not met with as much enthusiasm in Northville, however.

"In 1998, the Taliban were in power, and Afghanistan was not the most popular place to raise money for," said Nedam. She

added that some parents were opposed to the project, and did not want their children to get involved, although the Northville school administrators steadfastly backed the program.

Despite this resistance, the Kids4AfghanKids Project was under way. It took 3 years to raise the necessary money and build the facility, but in 2001 the new school opened for the first time. The six-room facility serves both boys and girls, although not at the same time because of the cultural norms of the society.

"The Taliban agreed to have the girls come, if they came at a different time," said Nedam. "We started out with 350 kids at registration, and had 465 kids on the first day."

Today, the school offers 1,200 students the chance of an education, and half of them are girls. In the first few years, only a handful of girls attended the school.

"We're bursting at the seams," said Nedam.

In the aftermath of the Sept. 11 tragedy, Nedam said that the villagers had little hope the school would remain open.

"The people in the village thought we would hate them," said Nedam. "We reassured them that we knew that there are bad people everywhere."

Still, it wasn't until the school opened in 2002, despite U.S. military action in the country, that the families were really willing to

grow attached to the school, she said. Despite the political controversy over the project, Nedam said that they had tried to provide the children with a safe place to learn and to grow up. In fact, it is a source of pride for Nedam, who said that for a while during U.S. military actions in the country the school was one of, if not the only, school still functioning.

The Kids4AfghanKids Project has also grown beyond the six-room schoolhouse. Nedam has continued to work with children to raise the money needed to build additional facilities, including an orphanage, funded in part through a \$20,000 donation by the Northville Rotary Club, and a medical clinic.

"We just finished the deep water well," said Nedam. "Because of the drought, it's the only place to get water available to 300-400 families."

In addition to meeting the needs of the citizens, the water is sent through gravity-forced pipes to provide the school with running water. Electricity is not available for the facility.

Plans are ready for the creation of additional school and civic buildings when the money becomes available. For now, Nedam earns money for the project through donations and through the money she earns speaking to civic and church groups about the project.

Still, she said that the group operates on a "shoestring budget", with an operating budget of \$6,000 per month.

Nedam, a Livonia resident who grew up in Northville, earned the Governor's Service Award in 2002 as well as the Michigan Association of School Boards' Best of the Best award in 2003. In addition, she was recently named a distinguished alumnus by Marygrove College in Detroit on the recommendation of her principal at Amerman, Dr. Stephen Anderson.

However, she said that the real benefit comes from watching the children reap the benefits of the project.

"It's been fun to watch them grow up, and learn that it's OK to

take risks, that they can make it through even difficult situations," she said.

The students must find some benefit from the program, because Nedam said that even though the students who originally developed the idea graduated last spring, many of them remain involved in the project.

Even when Nedam's third grade students graduate, there may be a need for the program.

"We have lots more we need to do," she said. "We just keep going. There's so much left to do because there are so many kids left to help."

For more information, visit www.kids4afghankids.com or email Nedam at nedamkh@northville.k12.mi.us.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Election of the School District will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2004.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL BE OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK, A.M., AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following proposition will be submitted to the electors of the District at the election on Tuesday, September 28, 2004:

Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed \$150,000,000 and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds therefor, for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of:

Purchasing land, developing, improving a site, and constructing, erecting, equipping, including equipping for technology and technology improvements, and furnishing thereon, a new Belleville High School facility, including athletic fields and related structures; site preparation, development, and improvement of the existing Belleville High School facility and site for the remodeling, erecting, constructing, furnishing, and equipping, including equipping for technology and technology improvements, thereon of a facility and additions to become South Middle School; site preparation, development and improvement, including preparation, development, and improvement of playfields and athletic fields, remodeling, erecting, and constructing new additions, preparing, and improving the existing site, furnishing, re-furnishing, equipping and re-equipping, including equipping and re-equipping for technology and technology improvements for North Middle School; site preparation, development, and improvement of the existing South Middle School facility and site for remodeling, erecting, constructing, furnishing, and equipping, including equipping for technology and technology improvements thereon of a facility to become the District's Alternative Education Program facility; equipping and re-equipping for technology and technology improvements, including remodeling for technology, school buildings, the early childhood development center, maintenance/bus compound, administrative building, and transportation building?

The bonds may be issued in series, with the maximum number of years any series of the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, not to exceed thirty (30) years. The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in the year 2004 is 2.27 mills (\$2.27 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation), with a levy of 4.54 mills (\$4.54 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for 2005. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond is 3.19 mills (\$3.19 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

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Notice is further given that the following statements have been received from the Treasurers of Washtenaw and Wayne Counties as to previously voted increases in the constitutional tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the School District.

STATEMENT OF TREASURER

As required by Act 293 of the Public Acts of 1947 of the State of Michigan

I, Catherine McClary, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of August 25, 2004, the records of this office indicate that the total of all

voted increases over and above the tax rate limitation established by the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, in any local units affecting the taxable property in the Van Buren Public Schools, Washtenaw County, is as follows:

	Voted Increases	Expiration of Millage
Township of Ypsilanti:		
Rec/BP	0.4931	2004
General Operating	1.0348	Indefinite
Fire Protection	3.2544	2004
Police	3.2544	2004
Fire Pen	0.3222	Indefinite
Solid Waste	1.6272	2004
Van Buren Schools:		
Operating Non-Homestead	18	2006
Sinking Fund	1.2645	2015
Washtenaw Community College:		
Operating	0.5919	Indefinite
Operating	0.9611	2011
Operating	1.0497	Indefinite
Operating	0.8121	2007
Washtenaw County:		
Operating	4.6384	Indefinite
Parks	0.2401	2007
Parks	0.2415	2009
HCMA	0.2154	Indefinite
Natural Areas	0.2458	2011
Wayne Regional Education Services Agency		
Special Ed	0.93	Indefinite
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(Charter millages are not over and above the tax limitation, but are listed here for information purposes.)

Dated August 25, 2004
Washtenaw County Treasurer

Signed: Catherine McClary

STATEMENT OF TREASURER

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, hereby state that I have searched the records of my office and after inquiry find that as of July 30, 2004, the total of all voted increases over and above the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, in any local units affecting the taxable property in the Van Buren Public Schools, and the years such voted increases are effective to be as follows:

Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increase	Years Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2004 thru 2009
Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2004 indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2004 indefinitely
Wayne County Comm. College	August 6, 2002	1.5 mills	2004 indefinitely
Wayne County Transit Authority	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2004 indefinitely
Van Buren Public Schools	November 3, 1998	1.5 mills	2004 thru 2010
	November 6, 2001		
	August 6, 2002	0.6 mills	2004
	June 8, 1998	1.30 mills	2004 through 2006
	October 1, 2001	18 mills	

Signed: Raymond J. Wojtowicz
Raymond J. Wojtowicz
Wayne County Treasurer

Date: July 30, 2004

All School electors registered with the City or Township Clerk of the City or Township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of the Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, Michigan.

Victor Hogan, Secretary
Van Buren Board of Education

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OPINION

Something for everyone

It's easy to see why events like the upcoming Fall Festival in Plymouth and the recent Wheelfest in Wayne are so successful.

It can, in fact, be summed up in two words: community spirit.

The events feature plenty of entertainment to attract virtually every age group – carnival rides for the young and younger; musical and other types of performances to satisfy many different tastes – but they are, at their core about promoting the community and generating money for charitable purposes.

Whether it's funds for a new nativity set in Wayne, or for scholarships provided by the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss competition, service groups or others, or the grand daddy of all fundraisers, the Rotary Chicken Barbeque in Plymouth, the community always steps up and is willing to lend a hand.

It should be said that it is not easy to put on a three-day festival. It takes a lot of hard work, and the people doing that work usually aren't doing it because they're getting paid for it. It's mostly volunteerism and it lends a cheerful atmosphere to the festivals, no matter what else is going on.

It's always inspiring to see a community come together and help each other out for the good of the community, as a whole, whether it's to help an athletic club get the uniforms they need, attend the tournaments they've earned the right to appear in, or to purchase ownership in a long-standing tradition, like the new nativity set effort in Wayne.

The people behind the scenes at events like this can rarely rest on their laurels. They're always tweaking ideas, making them better; trying to appease more and more people, put on a more diverse festival and therefore bring in more people.

And they're often looking for ways to make it just as enjoyable with fewer and fewer dollars. Budget cuts have reduced the funds available from the City of Wayne for the Wheelfest and forced the City of Plymouth to eliminate any kind of subsidy whatsoever for the Fall Festival or any other event.

Still, the organizers always rise to the challenge. They deserve a lot of credit, too, that they don't always get. We're fortunate to have so many dedicated people working to better their communities.

An idea that really works

No matter what officials in Westland ultimately decide to focus on during the next phase of their Downtown Development Authority (DDA) plan, one thing is already clear: The DDA concept is alive and well.

It could be a precarious time for the concept of a separate taxing entity designed to foster improvements in only a portion of a given municipality. Many built out cities – the kind that the DDAs were originally meant to benefit – are crying poor, looking for additional revenues wherever they can. The combination of a down-turned economy that resulted in a loss of state-shared revenue and reduced interest income has left many of the municipalities slashing budgets and transferring a larger and larger portion of their DDA budget to bolster their general fund balance.

But DDAs have been proven commodities in every place they've been implemented.

The City of Westland, which is in the midst of construction of the first phase of its streetscape, is no exception. It's a good sign to begin with that the construction was able to start only 7 years after the DDA agreement was signed. It usually takes a lot longer for the increase in tax increments to fund the bonds typically used to finance these expensive projects. Plymouth Township, with the newest DDA district in western Wayne County, will start construction after only 2 years.

See Idea, page 8

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A matter of perspective

It's laudable for officials in Northville Township to want to attract some kind of diversified housing to their community, but I seriously doubt that it will ever happen.

It's not that it's their fault, directly, of course. I just have a hard time believing that the market will allow for it.

The concept of entry level housing does not mean the same in Northville Township that it does elsewhere. I sat through a portion of a board of trustees study session where the diversified housing was one of the things they discussed and it was the first time since I covered Canton Township that I heard 'entry-level' and '\$200,000' in the same sentence. Once again I had to shake my head and wonder if I were the last poor man in western Wayne County.

To further my embarrassment, the planning consultants put up slides about the types of housing they could attract. They showed homes on 70-foot lots, 50-foot lots and even 35-foot lots. Some of those featured rear entry garages accessible by alleyways.

I found myself thinking of all the large brown houses in the township – the same sort of developments that caused the township officials to consider

diversified housing to begin with – and thought it would be a nice change. My grandfather lived in a neighborhood like that in Dearborn; in a small house crammed next to a church with an alley in the back. The neighborhood often hosted block events back there, similar to the 'Rallys in the alley' that go on in some places in Plymouth.

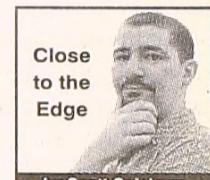
The houses they showed on the slide all looked better – and bigger – than my humble abode

"It once again made it clear to me the type of public relations difficulty people here in the city face."

in Wayne, and while they drew some favorable comments, some of the township officials said they wouldn't want to see anything like that in their community.

It once again made it clear to me the type of public relations difficulty people here in the city face.

There's nothing wrong with my neighborhood, and it's not even the nicest neighborhood in the city. The houses all look the



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

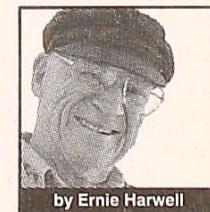
same; they're the same squat white bungalows that sprouted up like mushrooms in during the 1940s. And yes, they are close together. They're so close, in fact, that I have to stand in my neighbor's back yard to fix my screens.

I can have an over-the-fence conversation with my neighbor two doors down without either one of us raising our voice above a regular conversation level.

It's a friendly neighborhood though, with tree-lined streets, plenty of active, chaotic children, where you're apt to say hello to people sitting on the porch, even if they don't live on either side of you.

Even if Northville officials manage to push through a development with smaller lots, it's unlikely that they will be 'entry-level' for long. They'll attract so much interest that the price of them will increase faster than the price of gas.

So it's nice that the township officials are thinking along those lines. It's nice to see that some of them are as tired of the monotonous beige homes crammed in virtually every corner of their community. Chances are, though, unless they get truly creative, it's not going to change.



decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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I think we can all benefit by having meaningful conversations with our doctors and taking advantage of their expertise. After all, your doctor has a lot of training and is the most familiar with your particular health situation. So why not ask a few more

questions and get more insight?

Before your next appointment, take some time to really think about your health and jot down some questions to ask your doctor. Consider such things as

your weight, medical history, family medical history, eating habits, fitness level and gaps in your general knowledge about health.

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Time for 'civil' debate

As charter commissioners and city council members file out of the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex after the Wednesday commission meetings, the tension is usually so thick it could be cut with a knife.

Since the commission was impaneled earlier this year, I've seen quite a few strange and heated altercations. In a way that's to be expected – changing the charter proved to be a divisive issue in 1980, when Inkster attempted a revision, and in 1979, when Wayne went through the same thing. On both occasions, the commissions were considering a change in the form of government.

But it's hard to tell – at least from the old, yellowed bound editions of our newspaper from those years, whether the barbs traded were as personal as they seem now. As I speak with people from both sides of the table – the council and the commission – I get the sense that there's a lot of back biting and very little communication.

The proposed revision has caused people whose families have known each other for generations and friends to stop speaking, a council person recently told me. And a commissioner also told me that at no time has a council person ever come to her personally to ask her how she felt about any of the issues the charter commission must address. The whole thing is beyond sad.

In short, the charter commission has been polarized from the council. The tone has been decidedly adversarial during the past several weeks. It reached a fever pitch two weeks ago when the commission vote to determine whether the city should change forms of government failed after a commissioner abstained from voting.

This made several council members furious. But the commissioner cannot be forced to vote. (Full disclosure: the commissioner who did not vote also made an impassioned statement about "tar and

feathering" that is detailed in last week's paper. I did some research on the topic, and discovered the dastardly form of punishment occurred shortly after the years of slavery up until the mid-20th century. But the research information was inadvertently attributed to the commissioner, which was unintentional.)

Of course, it was suggested that the failure to vote was sabotage, and at least one council member had no problem saying this out loud.

But here's what everyone needs to remember: The council voted to open up the charter. As a consequence, the nine-member charter commission was approved by voters in a 2-1 ratio last November. The commission has every right to exist, even if the council isn't happy with some of the decisions that are made.

"I don't regret opening up the charter, but I'm not happy with some of the personal attacks that are going on," a councilman told me last week. "I regret that it's so personal, I really do."

Yes, the commission got off on the wrong foot early on. Within weeks of being impaneled, efforts to question the validity of some commissioner's candidacy surfaced. The only result of that was that two commissioners – neither of whom was the commissioner in question – had to give up appointed board seats where they were doing some good if they wanted to remain on the elected charter commission.

But it has become obvious, at least to me, that some commissioners welcome a non-divisive debate about the charter and its role in the city.

For this process to be beneficial, what needs to happen – as soon as possible – is some thoughtful, civil debate between the commission and the council about some of the valid concerns both parties have. It's obviously long overdue.

Letters

Former official supports school millage

To the editor:

We are living in a premier community. Folks who live here are good people who work hard to provide the best for their families. This Sept. 28 we will all be asked to a bond question that will measure our willingness to provide premier education as well. Our children need up-to-date school buildings.

Our school board has asked us to support a bond issue that will replace our aging high school, demolish part of and renovate our existing high school to become the new South Middle School, renovate South Middle to become our new alternative education facility, add new facilities and classrooms to North Middle School, and resolve our piecemeal communications system by modernizing it to

today's standards. This is no small task and it requires focus and commitment.

There are a few things that need clarification, so you can make an informed vote. First, please note that Visteon will pay its full share of the bond request – no abatements there. Secondly, seniors eligible for the Homestead Property Tax Credit will have a percentage of their payment returned to them – like an income tax refund. Finally, as our community total property value increases, the effective bond millage rate will be reduced.

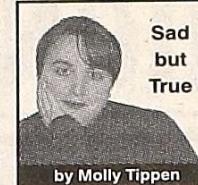
Though my children are grown and on their own, I believe that it is essential to provide for the children of today and tomorrow. That is why I support the school board requests. That is why I am asking you to do the same.

Helen Foster,
Former Van Buren Township
Treasurer and Supervisor

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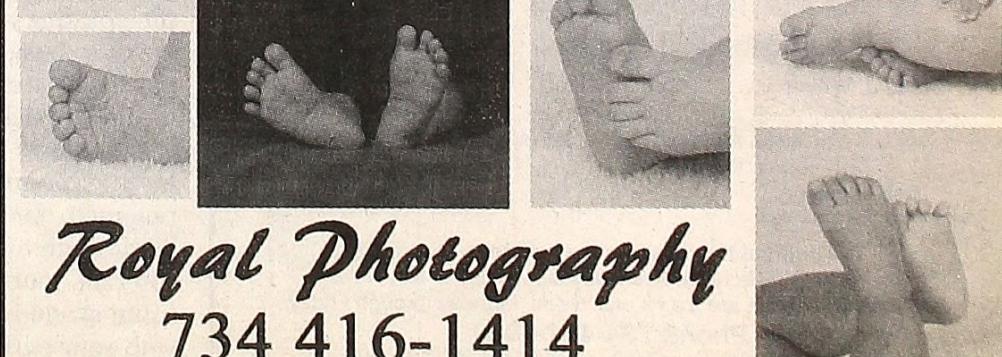
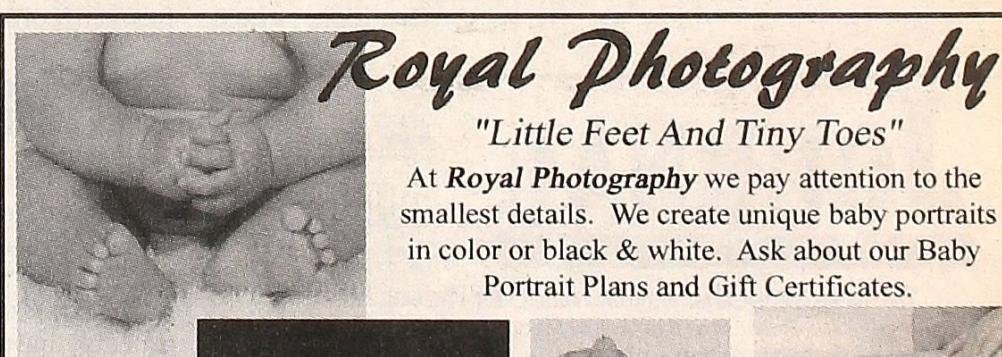
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Idea

FROM PAGE 7

It makes a lot of sense for the DDA board to sit down with the remainder of the Westland City Council, many of whom were elected only after the agreement was reached.

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It also wouldn't hurt to take a look at what's happening in communities beyond

the Westland borders. The City of Wayne is also planning the next stage of their streetscape, and is looking to capitalize on the development that may take place south of them, in Romulus. The proposed casino there could send plenty of traffic up the Wayne Road corridor, which is one of the primary reasons the city decided to extend the decorative streetlights down to the Romulus border. It was also always a part of the plan.

Taking a look at trends both within the city and along the borders is the best way to make sure this worthy project reaches its ultimate potential.

Golden opportunity

County-wide program puts seniors in classrooms as aides

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Marietta Clark was looking for a way to spend her golden years when a golden opportunity to share her experiences landed on her doorstep.

Clark, now 68 and a resident of Inkster, spends her days in Jennifer Rasmussen's 20-student kindergarten class at Baylor-Woodson Elementary School in Inkster. She was placed at the school by the Foster Grandparents Program, an innovative solution to finding activities for retired seniors and matching them with children in need of a mentor. The national program is administered locally

by Catholic Social Services of Detroit.

"If I didn't do this, I'd probably be at home sleeping," Clark said. "But this is a good way to spend my day, and the kids are great. In kindergarten, they just absorb everything and learn so fast. You can still mold them."

At the Baylor-Woodson and Meek-Milton complex on Carlyle Road, about 20 people are working as foster grandparents. Their duties range from helping students with assignments to assisting the teacher with work-related duties to comforting students in need of a little moral support, said Meek-Milton principal Mary Moss.

"We're glad to be a part of this

program," she said. "The kids really respond to (the volunteers)."

Each morning, Clark helps a handful of students, most of whom are 4 or 5 years old, spell their names because they are lagging behind the rest of the class.

"I spend about 15 minutes a day with them just going over how to write their names," she said.

As much help as the programs offer to schools, the rewards are bigger for the senior volunteers, said Sherryl Butler, field supervisor Catholic Social Services of Detroit.

"The vast majority of our volunteers are retired," she said. "They still have a lot to offer. This

is great way for them to stay involved. We have foster grandparents in several area schools in western Wayne County and the downriver area."

Moss said each grandparent (most are women, but there are a few men in the program), are assigned to a classroom for the entire school year so they can create a rapport with students. Each grandparent works three to four days per week, with Fridays off. Clark, who has been part of the program for 4 years, said one of the drawbacks is that she gets attached to the students.

"I almost hate to see them go at the end of the year," she said.

The Foster Grandparent Program offers volunteers a \$106

tax-free stipend for their efforts. It is the only non-profit program that has a tax-exempt designation when it comes to providing volunteers with payment. But Clark said it's not about the money.

"I just enjoy coming here every day," she said.

Potential Foster Grandparents must be at least 60 years old to volunteer.

The program is not exclusive to schools – volunteers can also be assigned to group homes or in other human services capacities, Butler said. Interested parties can inquire about volunteering by calling Catholic Social Services of Wayne County at (313) 883-0603.

Belleville library schedules 'storytime', seeks new members

The Fred C. Fischer Library will host storytime for children this fall to help reinforce listening and speaking skills, improve eye and hand coordination and experience group dynamics.

Preschool storytime—for children ages 3 1/2 to 6—will provide five programs of stories, poems and crafts at the library at 7 p.m. on Mondays from Sept. 20-Oct. 25 and at 2 p.m. Wednesdays

from Sept. 22-Oct. 20.

Toddler storytime—for children ages 2 to 3 1/2—will also enjoy five active and fun programs including finger plays, songs and action rhymes with the librarian. The program will be on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. from Sept. 23-Oct. 21.

Registration for both programs begins Sept. 7.

The library will also host Janet Macunovich—writer from The Michigan Gardener—for two free programs from 3:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 7.

The Friends of the Library are also undergoing a "We need You" membership campaign to build the membership and volunteer participation of new members and renewed members. The library is having a

record patronage and circulation, and offers expanded hours to keep up with patrons' needs.

Membership entitles individuals to serve on the committees—program, membership, public relations and finance—and allows people to shop in the program/used book room during regular library hours. Each member is encouraged to attend board meetings at 10 a.m. the

first Saturday of the month at the library.

Applications can be found at the library and membership rates are: individuals \$15, students or seniors \$8, family \$25 and lifetime \$250.

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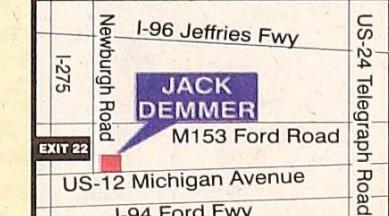
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THE SCENE

'Resouled'

Local man documents 2,600 mile hike

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

What would drive somebody to quit work, leave everything behind and spend 5 months on a hike from Mexico to Canada, living every day in the wilderness? Maybe it would be for the exercise or the challenge or maybe to get *Resouled*.

"If you have to ask and I have to explain it," said John Oldford, "then you'll never fully understand."

Oldford, a native of Plymouth now living in Colorado, spent 5 months of his life on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, better known to hardcore hikers as the "PCT." The PCT is 2,650 miles of trail that stretches from Campo, CA., at the Mexican border, to the border of The Great White North, Canada.

On his journey, Oldford took the most compact Sony digital camcorder that he could find and documented nearly every step of the way. He directed, filmed, edited and produced a entire documentary, rightfully called *Resouled* on the Pacific Crest Trail.

Considering Oldford had little to no

experience in film production, *Resouled* is a surprisingly smooth ride through the all-terrain American landscape.

He took an amazing 20 hours worth of film footage and cut, chopped and transformed it into 70 minutes of high-quality documentation of his journey.

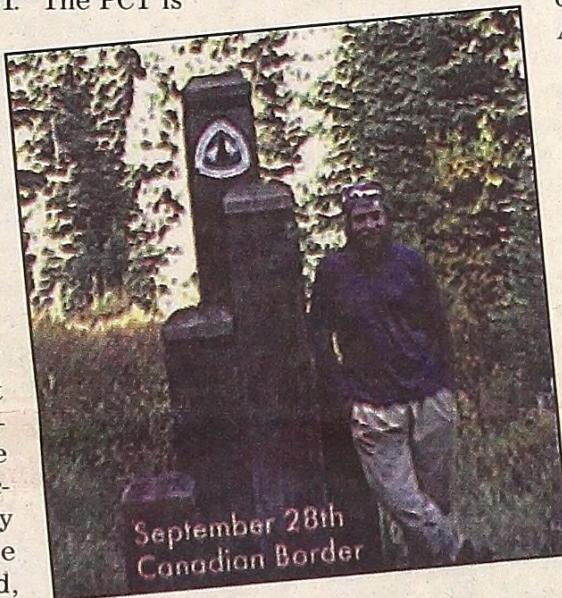
Oldford takes audiences step by step down the well-marked 16-inch wide and 2,600-mile long path that led him through Pacific coast states of California, Oregon and Washington. He experienced a range of terrain from wood-

lands to mountain passes to desert to cascades and saw some of the most beautiful countryside America has to offer.

Through his eyes, we get to witness some of America's incredible landscapes, such as the San Bernardino Mountains, the Mojave Desert, Sequoia National Park, Yosemite National Park, South Lake Tahoe, Crater Lake, Mt. Hood, Mt. St. Helens, Glacier Park

and Cascade National Park.

Everything is creatively edited, with no prior experience on Oldford's part, with dissolve cuts that offer smooth transitions



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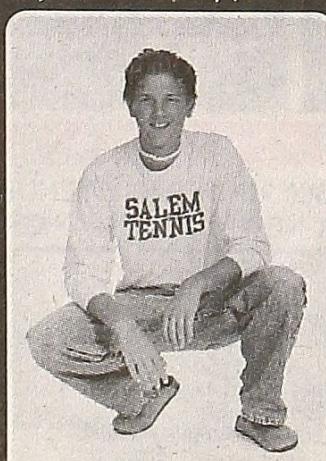
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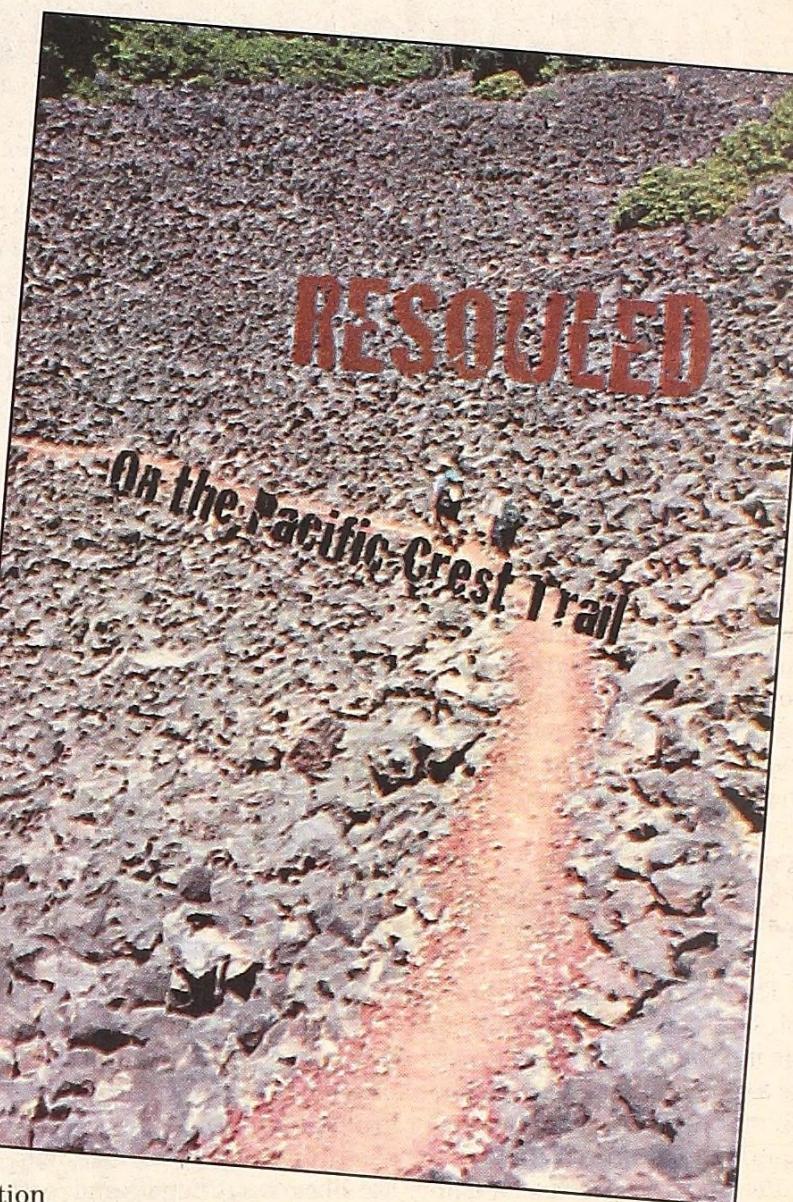
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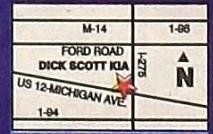


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THE SCENE**Author's latest looks at the 60s**

Los Angeles, 1965.

The smoke of burned out businesses wafts through the closed windows of Easy Rawlins' Research and Delivery office downtown. Thirty-four people have died in the riots and fires that will rip through the very fabric of American culture and change it forever.

Enter a time of change forged in violence and fury fueled by subjugated resentment and anger. Those who had endured injustice and mistreatment for a very long time are striking back forcefully and vengefully. The devastating riots that have ensued have torn through the city and those who are not part of an angry mob are in fear—and that makes for an environment about as stable as going for a jog with a vial of nitroglycerine in your pocket.

Walter Mosley recreates this time of racial detonation with an ease that belies the tension and terror of the time in his latest Easy Rawlins novel, *Little Scarlet*. Mosley has long ago proven that Rawlins is an enduring and charismatic hero who has a steadfast following. With *Little Scarlet*, his legion of fans might easily swell even further. He is a master at recreating the rhythms and atmosphere of our society during the times racial tensions and situations were the slow burning fuse that ignited change.

Easy is in the midst of the chaos, attempting to control the rage he feels burning in himself. If he lets down his guard, he knows he will find himself joining the uncontrolled men on the street, looking for a target on which to vent their rage. The smoke, ashes and smell of exhausted tempers have worn on Easy's nerves, as has watching his fellow businessmen, both black and white, pick through the ashes and rubble of their livelihoods.

When the police come searching for him as he is helping one of his neighboring businessmen, he expects only the worst kind of treatment. After all, he's experienced it before. Beatings, torture, imprisonment because some white policeman doesn't like the color of his skin are to be expected in the society Easy knows.

This time, Easy is in for a surprise. The police don't treat him badly—not for lack of inclination—but because one of their superior officers needs Easy's help to find out who killed a black woman called *Little Scarlet*. The dead woman's very vocal

**Book Review
*Little Scarlet***

Walter Mosley
Little, Brown and Co.

aunt is claiming that a white man Scarlet rescued from black car thieves raped and murdered her as repayment for her goodness in helping him. If those claims leak into the black community, the violence that will erupt will make the current situation seem like a church social.

Easy reluctantly agrees to help. And he enlists the aid of Mouse, the most dangerous man in the state, to help him. But Easy demands a letter of authority from the deputy police chief so that he can move freely and ask questions without the constant interference of white cops trying to do him harm based on the color of his skin.

And as Easy gets deeper and deeper into the investigation of Little Scarlet's death, he comes closer and closer to discovering who he really is as a man and who we all are as people.

Rich with characterizations and ripe with awareness of the human mind and soul, this novel will take readers on a trip back in time and forward to insights into the human spirit.

Why do we do the things we do?

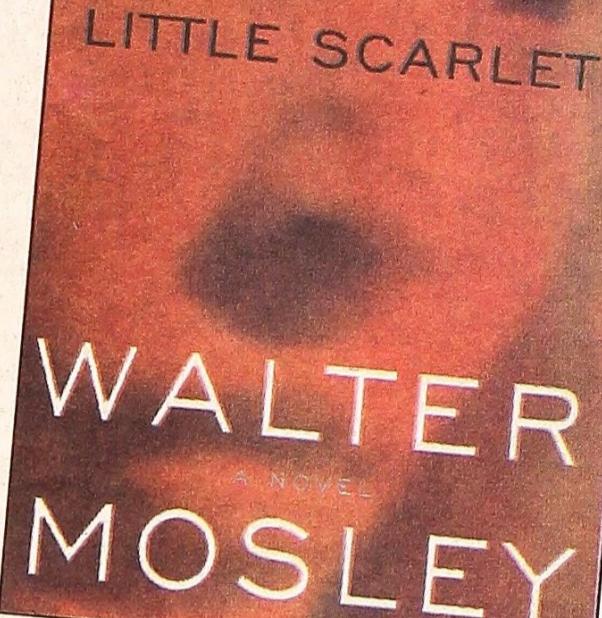
And why do we make the choices we make—is it anger, goodness, love, hate or simply physical need? Are we creatures of our nature, our sexuality, or can we control our conduct toward our fellow man and ourselves? And how important is it that we like ourselves for the choices we have made about the way we will live our lives?

But most important of all, can we control our own destiny? Or are we doomed by our race, our sex, our desires, our social standing?

Easy is looking for a killer—but he finds much more and so do readers who travel with him.

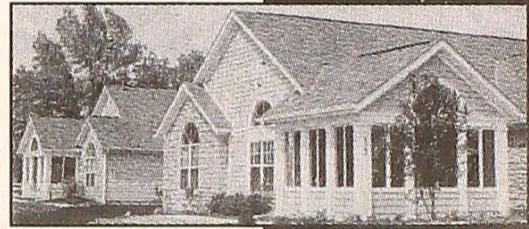
This is one of Mosley's best.

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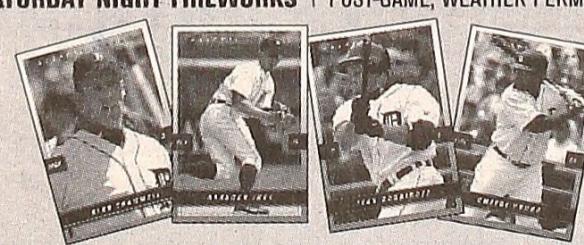
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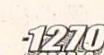
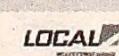
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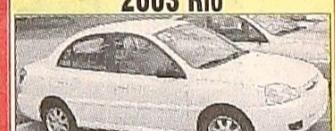
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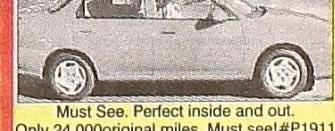
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At home on the 'range'

Local firefighters prove their reputation for great cooking is well deserved

When it comes to the kitchen, these guys really are hot stuff.

Yep, these area firefighters have more than just life saving skills to their credit—they also know a bit about life quality as demonstrated by some of the best food served on any neighborhood table. In short, these guys can cook.

After all, they are at the fire station, on their own for meals, for days in a row. They either learn to cook, or get pretty hungry. And since most of these professional lifesavers are determined to be ready for just about anything, the challenge of a stove and recipe book isn't at all daunting. They've learned to cook in a big way.

Here are just a few of the local firefighting cooks nominated by their fellow firemen as having some exceptional skills in the kitchen.

Their secret recipes have also been cajoled out of them with the promise of absolute confidentiality—so don't say you learned how they do it here.

There are undoubtedly more of these excellent cooks out there and these are but a few of the best we heard about.

Enjoy.



Northville Township firefighters Steve Leach, Jason Hendrian, Brian Siniani, and Ryan Greenlee work together to create the infamous "B" Shift Burger.

Northville firefighters work together in kitchen

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

For Northville Township firefighters, kitchen duty isn't a job that is taken lightly.

"Since we've become a full-time department, we've taken a more active role in the kitchen," said firefighter Brian Siniani.

It's a job they take seriously. In fact, several station members have even taken classes on food preparation and sanitation from a certified executive chef to ensure that the meals not only taste great, but are safe as well.

They shift kitchen duties depending on who would rather cook, since the person who cooks decides what's available, as well as on how the workload had been distributed that day. There is always something in the kitchen.

Surprisingly, the firefighters said that they don't have a clear top cook, since kitchen duty

tends to be a group effort. Instead, a group recipe was submitted by firefighters Siniani, of Milford, Steve Leach of Walled Lake, Jason Hendrian of Livonia, and Ryan Greenlee of Westland. The firefighters put a new twist on an old favorite as they make their favorite "B" Shift Burgers.

"B" Shift Burger

2 lbs ground chuck
Salt and freshly ground pepper
½ cup high-quality mayonnaise
3 cloves roasted garlic, pureed
¼ cup Dijon mustard
4 hamburger buns
8 slices thinly sliced Swiss cheese
4 slices thinly sliced smoked ham
2 dill pickles, sliced ¼-inch thick

To create the station favorite, preheat a grill

to high. While it is heating, press the ground chuck into four burgers, each about ¼ inch thick and season both sides with salt and pepper. Grill the burgers for 2-3 minutes on both sides, then remove the burgers and reduce the heat to medium-low. As the burgers cook, combine the mayonnaise and garlic in a small bowl, and season with salt and pepper to taste. Spread the mayonnaise mix and mustard on both halves of the hamburger bun. Add a slice of cheese to the bottom of the bun, and then top that with the burger, a slice of ham, another slice of Swiss cheese, and the pickle slices. Once the top of the bun is added over the pickles, wrap the finished burgers in aluminum foil and place them on the grill with a foil-wrapped brick on top of each for 30 seconds to 1 minute. After that, shut the lid on the grill and continue to cook at medium-low heat for 1-2 minutes to melt the cheese and make the bun firm.

Inkster cook reveals secret

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

It doesn't take master chef to cook a rib that will be the talk of your upcoming barbecue, or so says Inkster firefighter Lt. Dwight Hines.

"It's really easy; it just takes awhile," said Hines, also the owner of Big D's Catering. But he warns, it's essential to start with the right ingredients.

"You want the meatiest ribs possible," he said. "They need to be very lean."

To find the right rib, Hines usually travels to Eastern Market in Detroit to consult with the experts at Ronnie's Meats. There, he finds higher-quality meat, he says, than at a conventional grocery store or meat market.

Once a high quality slab of ribs is located, the rest is simple,

Hines said. To get started, he recommends the ribs marinate in beer overnight before the barbecue begins.

"Any beer is fine – if you don't want to use beer, you can also use apple juice," Hines said. "Both will tenderize the meat."

The following day, Hines recommends using spices such as onion powder, garlic, paprika and black pepper to rub into the meat before taking the slab to the spit. But the next step is what separates real man ribs from just ribs – the use of hickory as opposed to regular briquettes.

"The hickory is essential," he said. "This is the way my grandmother used to make ribs, and the smoke from the hickory makes them taste better."

Hines' colleagues at the fire department agree. "When we have an open house or some-

thing like that, my wife always has to bring some of Dwight's ribs home," said Lt. John Nichols.

The fire department has an outdoor barbecue where they grill when time permits.

Dwight's Ribs

1 slab of ribs
1 tablespoon of onion powder
1 tablespoon of garlic
1 tablespoon of paprika
1 teaspoon of black pepper
Beer or apple juice

Directions: After the ribs have marinated overnight in beer or apple juice, the spices should be mixed together before they are rubbed into the meat. The ribs should cook on the open pit anywhere from two to three hours to absorb the flavor of the smoke.



Lt. Dwight Hines (top, center) of the Inkster Fire Department assumed his role as the designated cook near the department grill.



Jeff Randall, who has a culinary arts degree, is one of the best cooks at Plymouth Fire Station Number Three.

Belleville recipe has a 'tasty' reputation

Nathan Loyer, 24, has been with the fire department for 6 years. He is also a full time student at Lawrence Tech, doing internship at Rosettie Architects in Southfield.

"We have a picnic every year for the department, and my

bean dip is always what I bring, and always one of the first things gone," he said. "It's a good sign that everybody thinks it's good. I can't tell you what my secret is. All I can say is that it is a lot of good ingredients."

4 Layer Bean Dip

1 large jar of salsa
1 large can of re-fried beans
1 packet of taco seasoning
1 tub of sour cream
1 bag of shredded cheese
1 12x8 x 1.5 cake pan

Strain salsa to separate juice from chunks.

Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ of the juice with re-fried beans, and mix in seasoning.

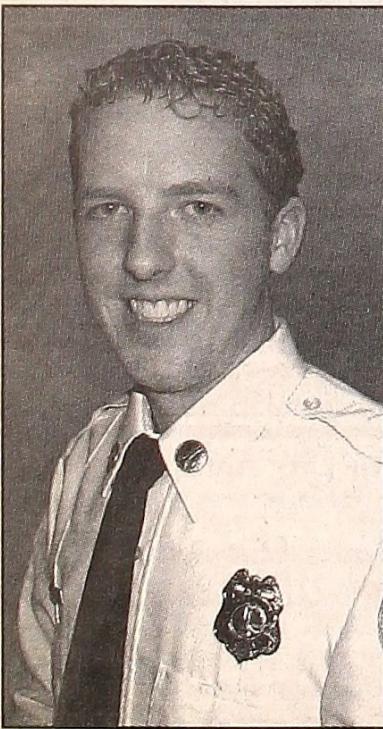
Place $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch layer of bean/salsa mix in pan

Place $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch layer of sour cream on top of beans

Place $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch layer of salsa chunks on top of sour cream

Place $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch layer of shredded cheese on top of salsa

Refrigerate overnight and serve with corn chips



Nathan Loyer

Plymouth firefighter is former chef

Valerie Betke
Staff Writer

Jeff Randall enjoys cooking at the station and at home, he said. He achieved a 2-year culinary arts degree from Schoolcraft College and worked as a cook prior to his career as a fireman, he said. It was hard to make a living in the food industry, he said, so he became a fireman.

Randall, stationed at station number three in Plymouth, enjoys cooking ethnic foods like Chinese, Cajun, and Middle Eastern, but mostly at home, because firefighters at the station are usually reluctant to try the ethnic food.

When asked what is cooked in lieu of ethnic food at the station, he said "Meat and potatoes," then asked a co-worker "I don't know, what are we having tonight?" The response? "Meat and potatoes."

One of his favorite's to make is a Chinese Honey Glazed Sparerib recipe that he created.

Chinese Honey Glazed Spareribs

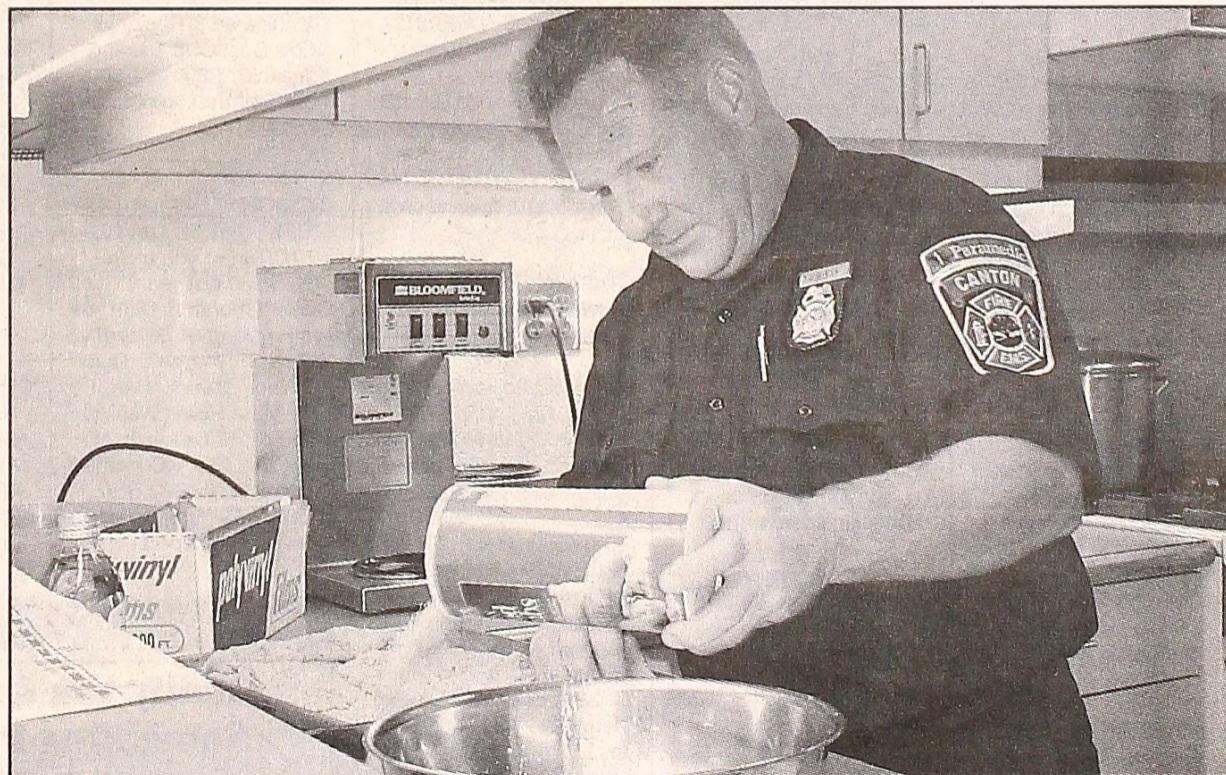
1 side of pork spareribs
1/4 cup soy sauce
3 tablespoon Hoisin flavor
1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
2 cloves garlic minced
1/4 tablespoon Chinese five spice powder
2 tablespoon honey
1 tablespoon cider vinegar

Cut spareribs into approximately three rib sections and place into large freezer bag.

Mix all ingredients together in bowl. To make marinade.

Pour half of marinade into freezer bag with ribs and refrigerate approximately 6 hours.

Bake ribs in foil lined pan. 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Turn ribs over brush with marinade and bake another 30 minutes until golden brown.



John Hunter prepares his famous Chicken ParmeJohn at Canton Fire Station Number One.

Canton department feasts on Parme'john'

Everyone at Fire Station No.1 in Canton Township thinks the way firefighter John Hunter prepares his chicken parmesan is so special, so unique, that they call the dish chicken parme'john.'

Chicken Parme'john'

4 pounds of chicken breasts
Breadcrumbs
Egg wash
Spaghetti sauce

A sprinkle of John

Take the chicken breasts and give them a dunk in the egg wash and then a roll in the breadcrumbs. Brown the breasts in a properly greased pan. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. When chicken is browned, place them in a tray and apply spaghetti sauce. Slip tray in the oven and let bake for 35 to 40 minutes. Take them out, sprinkle some shredded Italian or Parmesan cheese. Put back in oven to melt cheese for a few minutes, then take out and enjoy.

Asking for help for a doctor can be deadly impossibility

The thought that believing your own importance can be harmful to your health came to mind while Rick was talking.

The conversation was mostly about me—a subject I find somewhat boring—and how I needed to be more religious.

Suddenly, Rick threw a real curve: He began talking about his brother, his brother the agnostic, his brother the doctor, his brother who committed suicide.

Rick rarely talks openly about intimate feelings, especially family.

He's from the old school: Never let anyone know there's family trouble.

"Jim was a brilliant doctor," Rick said softly. "For years, he was highly respected as the man with all the answers and he enjoyed that fame. Then he became ill; so ill, he was forced to quite working. Things went downhill from then on."

Dr. Jim began taking drugs he shouldn't. He self-prescribed, after all, he was a doctor. Although Rick didn't say it, it sounds like his brother became addicted to narcotics. You know, kill the pain, anesthetize the mind.

"He got worse and should have sought psychiatric help, any support, but he couldn't allow himself to do that, because he was the healer, he was the doctor, he knew how to handle it all," Rick said. "And, his wife didn't help, she was against psychiatric help or therapy."

Is the picture coming together for you

yet? Brilliant doctor believes he has all the answers. Unable to ask for help, he'll handle it.

Let's try that a different way. But, before I do, understand this not in judgment, but sad observation based on years of recovery.

Brilliant doctor believes he has all the answers. (Diseased ego out of control.) Sickness strikes followed by desperation. (His answer: Escape through medicine, i.e. addictive narcotics.) Unable to get help, (Shame based false pride, lack of humility, it takes humility to ask for help and a belief that there's a higher power than him). He handles it. (Dr. Jim kills himself. Probably thinking; I'm taking care of the problem.)

Sadly, in all of the greatness of his mind, he doesn't have a clue that to heal self, one must surrender self.

It's difficult to humble yourself and ask for help, to allow yourself to be human, let alone fragile and do so, if you have no power greater than you to turn to.

Somewhere over the years, a self-defeating belief that scientists, in order to be professional, don't or won't believe in God.

Imagine for a moment, you're a physician and it's graduation day. You beam pride and smile at your classmates. How would you practice medicine if you could see into the future and discover that your

entire medical class would kill themselves? Would you embrace humility?

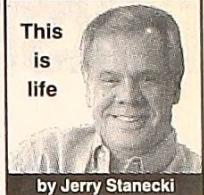
Alan Lipschitz, M.D writes: "Suicide is the cause of death for 3 percent of the male doctors and 6 percent of the female doctors in the United States; each year suicide claims the equivalent of one medical school class."

Physician, heal thyself is kind of like telling a doctor to perform surgery on his,

or her, back by themselves. Perhaps some believe they could do it. In fact, maybe Dr. Jim thought that right before he shot himself twice...two times in the heart.

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- 64. Lawn & Garden Supplies

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6. Legal-Notices

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Quality in Housing Commission has its Agency Plan ("the plan") for fiscal year 2005, available for review and public comment. The Plan will be available for public review and comments from September 4, 2004 to October 18, 2004 at Inkster Housing Commission's main office at 4500 Inkster Rd. Inkster, MI. All interested parties are invited to review the Plan. Notice is further given that a Public Hearing on the Agency Plan is scheduled for:

6:30 P.M. Tuesday October 19, 2004 at 4500 Inkster Rd. Inkster, MI

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On September 14, 2004
the Westland Police
Department will conduct
public auctions of
impounded, abandoned
vehicles. The first auction
will begin promptly at
10:00 a.m. at Westland
Service Towing, 37501
Cherry Hill, Westland, MI,
County of Wayne, where
the following vehicles will
be offered for sale to the
highest bidder:

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2 Door-Tan
1G6EL1338LU611337
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1FABP22X9FK27610
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2B4FK4534LR549867
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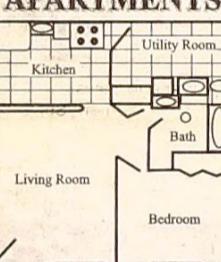
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1992 Mercury
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1993 Pontiac
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1989 Ford
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1991 Dodge
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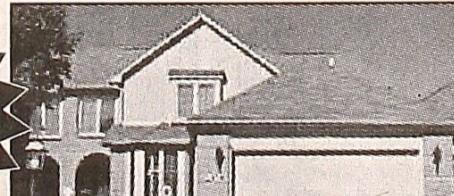
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SPORTS

Mustangs dominate Rockets, 8-0, remain undefeated

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

How does the old saying go – offense wins games, defense wins championships?

The Northville Mustang varsity soccer team hopes the theory is true. So far, the Mustangs are undefeated, 6-0, and have recorded four shutouts.

Most recently, they ran wild over the John Glenn Rockets and outpaced them, 8-0, for their sixth straight victory.

Northville was off to a quick start with five goals in the first half. They added three more to put the game away. Steve Besk and Ryan Pratt shared time in net to record the shutout.

Northville has only allowed two goals in their six games. Both balls that have seen the back of Northville's net were off of penalty kicks.

"Defense is what wins championships," said Northville Coach Henry Klimes. "I think the guys learned that if you

don't let people score, you win. Tough team defense, that's what happened out there."

Although team defense is what he attributes the win to, Klimes, knows he has all the offensive weapons to get the goals needed to win.

Against the Rockets, Northville scored eight goals. James Hannah led the pack with a hat trick. Justin Lockwood put in two while Matt Melonil, Mike Kellaher and John Junca all added a goal each. Mike Cornelius contributed with two assists on the night.

Hannah's three goals put him at nine for the season with 12 games to go.

"John Glenn is a young team with eight sophomores," Klimes said. "They kept working hard. We just have a lot of horses and we played the ball real well."

"I have nine seniors returning," he added. "So, we have a lot more than just strength and speed."

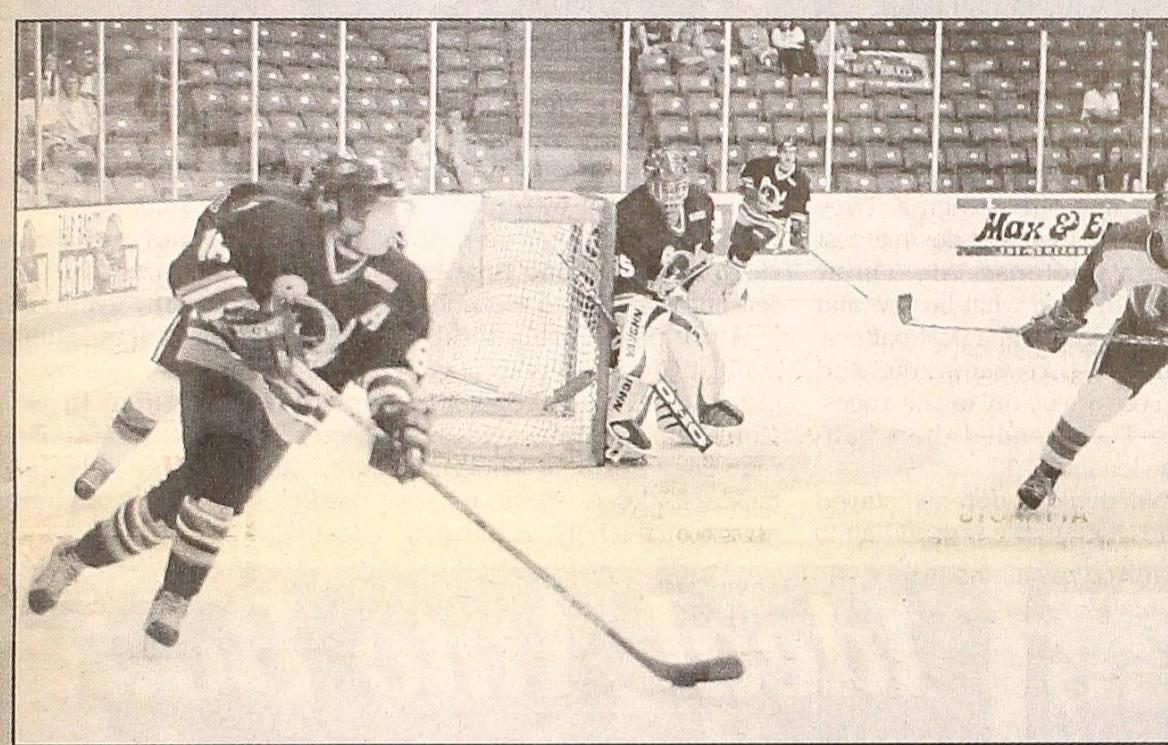
Northville has outscored their opponents 29-2 in the six victories. To start the season, the Mustangs conquered the Country Day Tournament with victories against Ann Arbor Green Hills (7-0), Utica Ford (2-0) and Country Day (2-1). They went on to defeat Howell, 7-0, and finished off a much-improved South Lyon team, 3-1, last week.

The Mustangs have breezed through the first few weeks of play but their endurance will be put to the test this week when they play five games in seven days.

They took on Churchill Tuesday and Walled Lake Northern on Wednesday, but the results of both games were unavailable at press time. On Saturday they host a rematch against Saline. Northville lost to the Hornets twice last year and a third time, which knocked them out of the regional finals. On Monday, they face Stevenson at home and then they'll travel to Walled Lake Western on Tuesday.

Although not all of the teams will prove to be a contest for the Mustangs, Klimes said Northville wouldn't take any of them for granted.

"We have to prepare each game for each team we play, regardless if we play a top team or a struggling team," he said.



Whalers lose preseason opener

Plymouth center Sean Thompson (16) and the rest of the Whalers opened up the preseason with two losses to their cross-river rivals the Windsor Spitfires. On Saturday, Windsor scored three unanswered goals in the third period to steal the 4-2 victory. Plymouth suffered a similar fate on Labor Day when Windsor jumped to a 3-0 lead after 21:03 of play. Read the entire story on page 19.

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Five days after they won their first-ever varsity basketball game, the lady Wildcats suffered their first varsity loss against a more experienced Ladywood team last Tuesday.

Although Plymouth kept it close through the first half, they stumbled in the fourth quarter and fell, 43-30.

Plymouth Coach Richelle Reilly said the team still needs time to adjust to the varsity level game.

"We have to get used to the varsity game still," she said. "There's a level of quickness and things in physical play that you can do at the freshmen and junior varsity level that you can't do at the varsity level."

"Our decision making and shooting wasn't at the level it should be at to beat a team like Ladywood."

Plymouth was only down three points at the end of the first

half, 18-21. They narrowed the gap to a 23-25 game at the end of three quarters. However, Ladywood rallied in the fourth to outscore the Wildcats in the final frame of play, 18-7, to secure the victory.

Plymouth's junior center Jeanine Moise led the offense with 15 points. She also grabbed 10 rebounds. Junior center Kim Olech led the rebound effort with 21 and added nine points to the board. Colleen Flaherty, a junior guard, nabbed 11 rebounds and knocked in four points in the team effort.

The loss was a downer for the young team after they won their first varsity game the previous Thursday.

They managed to pull out a 38-35 victory over Trenton in the season and home opener for the Wildcats. Plymouth led most of the way but Trenton outscored Plymouth, 14-9, nine in the final quarter to close the gap. It wasn't enough and Plymouth squeezed out the win.

Moise led with 16 points and 10 rebounds and Flaherty followed with 11 points and grabbed six rebounds. Olech added seven points but played tough off the boards and earned 13 rebounds.

"The girls executed," Reilly said. "After practicing for so long it was nice to play the first game. We have to keep making improvements and continue to improve our decision-making under pressure."

The Wildcats headed to Southgate last Tuesday but the results were unavailable at press time. They will hit the road again to face L'Anse Creuse tonight and Mercy High School on Tuesday.

The Ws and Ls won't matter until they start Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) league play at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23 against Livonia Churchill.

"We want to get some more games in and gain more experience before league play starts," Reilly said.

Lady Eagles Triumph over Wyandotte, Robichaud

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

After a hard-fought loss against a towering Detroit St. Martin DePores team in the season opener, the Romulus Lady Eagles battled to two lopsided victories against Wyandotte and Dearborn Heights Robichaud last week.

Their most recent win was against the Robichaud Bulldogs by the way of a 73-19 rout. All 12 players on the roster scored, according to Romulus Coach Rhonda Henry.

Senior guard Janiece Armstrong led the foray with 15 points followed by senior forward Ashley Sibby with 10. Senior point guard Paris Hawkins added eight to the mix as did freshman Jasmine Brown.

Kate Appel, a junior guard, came off the bench and scored eight points including two three-pointers, according to Henry.

"She's one of those hard-nosed players that gives you a 150 percent all of the time," she said.

Sophomore guard Erika Wasson also had a solid game off of the bench. She scored six points and recorded five assists, four steals and five rebounds, Henry said. Junior Landria Buckley contributed with four points and six rebounds.

The team held the Bulldogs to just one point in the first quarter and held them to less than 10 points in the second. Romulus' offense was on fire and scored 25 points in the first and 19 in the second to take a commanding 44-10 lead at the half. They continued the onslaught in the second half and outscored Robichaud, 29-9 to slam home the victory, 73-19.

It was pretty much the same story against Wyandotte last Tuesday. The Lady Eagles had a

huge second quarter and scored 26 points to take a 34-10 lead at halftime. They continued to dominate in the second half and scored 26 more points to put the game away, 60-23.

Sibby led the team with 16 points, with 10 in the second frame alone. She also racked up five rebounds and four steals. Armstrong nailed 15 points, 12 in the second, along with five assists and three steals. Brown was close to double digits with nine points.

Henry said the team is a lot deeper this year than last year, which could make a difference this season.

We played with a lot of intensity. It's good to see us moving forward.

"We've really improved with a lot of contribution from the bench," she said. "We don't lose much on defense as far as contribution goes. It's good to know that I can call on the bench as well. The more players we have contributing, the better."

Jasmine Charles played post, the team's only one, and contributed with four points and five rebounds.

"She played with a lot of confidence," Henry said.

Henry also said she wasn't sure how the bench would perform until this week. She proved to play better than expected against a very fundamental Wyandotte team and a very athletic Robichaud team.

"We played with a lot of intensity," she said. "It's good to see us moving forward."

The Eagles played a much-improved Belleville Tigers team on Tuesday in Belleville but the result was unavailable at press time. They face Southgate on the road tonight. The team has one more week with games against Wayne and Monroe before they start Mega White play on Thursday, Sept. 23 in Taylor against Truman.

Belleville Tigers maul Wayne Zebras, 44-27

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Tigers climbed another hill on their seasonal basketball rollercoaster last week when they defeated the Wayne Zebras, 44-27. Question is: will they sit pretty at the top or will they plummet back down?

So is the season of a young team. It's like riding a typical thrill ride with several valleys and peaks—ups and downs, twists and turns—blindfolded. It's exhilarating one second and terrifying the next because you just don't know what to expect.

Kevin Edwards, head coach of the Belleville girls' varsity basketball team, said that's exactly the case with his young team.

Against Wayne, the Tigers put together a solid effort and outscored the Zebras 29-12 in the first half of play. They only scored four points in the third quarter but took a 33-20 lead into the fourth. There they put home 11

points to Wayne's seven to win in a landslide.

"We played tough defense from start to finish," Edwards said.

"We protected the ball a lot better and rebounded better."

The team nabbed a total of 33 rebounds – 27 of them were on the defensive side of the court, he said. Erika Brewer and Cindy McGoldrick combined for 14 rebounds. The Tigers only turned the ball over once, according to Edwards.

They also went 10-16 from the line, which is the best Edwards said they have done in a long time.

Last year the Tigers had a difficult time making baskets. The third quarter was reminiscent of that when they only scored four points.

"The girls just started throwing up shots," Edwards said. "It's just another sign of an inexperienced team. We lost a lot of games last year because we couldn't shoot from outside the line."

So far, he said, the team is 6-6 for outside jump shots.

On the offensive side against Wayne, Taylor Manley led with 14 points and Brewer added 12.

The results resembled the Tigers game against the John Glenn Rockets last week when Belleville pulled out a 58-28 victory to open the season. However, there was a slight dip in-between the two games where the Tigers fell to Dearborn, 56-51.

Belleville was set to experience another true test when they played host to the Romulus Eagles on Tuesday. The results of that game were unavailable at press time. Belleville will head to Dearborn to face off against Fordson tonight. They will start league play on Sept. 23 at home against Monroe.

It's too early to say how the ride for the Tigers will end but Edwards feels if the team gains more experience before the league season starts they'll play well.

"We just have to put all four quarters together," he said.

Northville Mustangs ride John Glenn Rockets to 31-13 Victory

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustangs football team stamped to their second straight victory last Thursday to remain undefeated.

They faced a John Glenn Rockets team under new leadership and came away with a 31-13 victory.

Max Stilec was Northville's workhorse in the backfield. He averaged nearly 10 yards per carry in the win. He went for 186 yards on 19 carries and scored three of the team's four

touchdowns, according to Northville Coach Clint Alexander.

Mike Jameson scored the other touchdown when quarterback Charlie Thomas tossed him an 80-yard dart. Jameson ended the day with nine catches for 168 yards and the score.

Northville took an early 3-0 lead when place kicker Evan Corbiel put the ball through the uprights from 32 yards out in the first quarter. Stilec added to the lead with a 12-yard run for a score. The extra point was good to make it a 10-game at the end of the quarter.

Glenn bounced back in the second with 13 points but a 2-yard touchdown run from Stilec allowed the 'Stangs to maintain the lead, 17-13, at half time.

In the third, Northville made some adjustments on offense and came out swinging. They ran the ball on first down to test Glenn's defense, Alexander said. He liked what he saw and sent Jameson on a post pattern. Thomas threw a strike and Jameson was off to the races. The TD extended their half-time lead to 24-13.

Northville's defense stayed solid through the second half to

hold Glenn scoreless. With the score 24-13 Northville's David Bandy intercepted a pass which eventually set up Stilec's final touchdown run of 10 yards to put the game to rest, 31-13.

The Mustangs' defense held their opponent to under 143 yards on offense, under 100 rushing, the second time this season, according to Alexander.

A big part of the defense against Glenn was the play of outside linebacker Mike Kelleher and defensive lineman Joey Perpich, who made tackles for losses, sacks and was always on the heels of the quar-

terback, Alexander said.

"They came through," he said. "We moved some players around to match up with (Glenn) athletically and it worked."

Northville will finally play at home at 7 p.m. tomorrow against Plymouth High School, new to varsity play this year. Plymouth recently lost in a 22-21 nail-biter to cross-campus rival Salem.

"It will be nice to be at home," Alexander said. "It will be a tough game. Plymouth makes you play assignment football."

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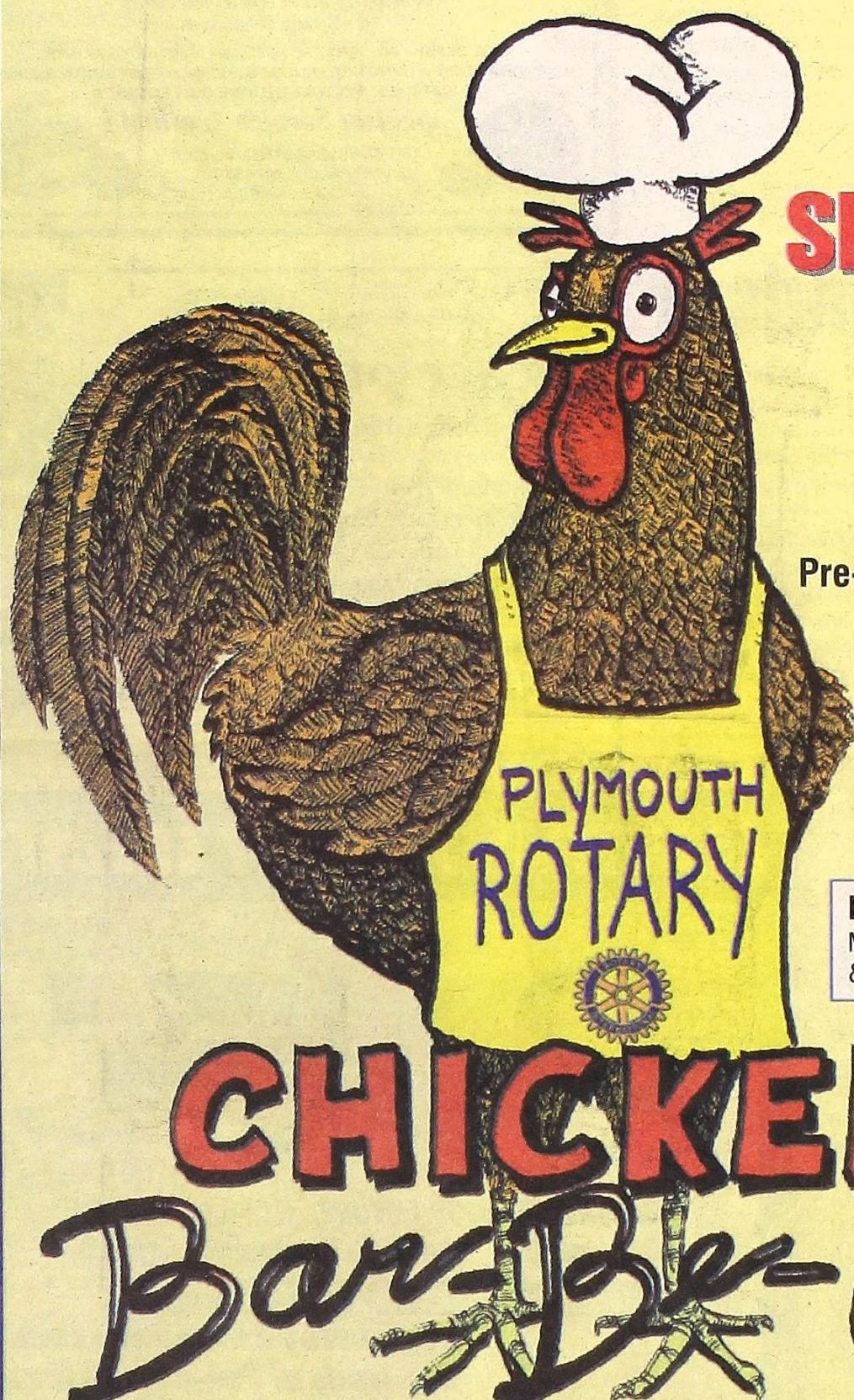
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